

Graduate Student Extension Competition

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Program Description : The Extension and Graduate Student Sections of the American Agriculture Economics Association will continue a new competition for graduate students on extension programs. This new competition involves extension and outreach applications, plans and programs as developed by the graduate student competitors. Session Rationale (for review purposes only) : The Extension and Graduate Student Sections of the American Agriculture Economics Association will continue a new competition for graduate students on extension programs. This new competition, which was completed for the first time in 2007 at the AAEA meetings in Portland, Oregon, involves extension and outreach applications, plans and programs as developed by the graduate student competitors. A main purpose of the competition is to encourage graduate students to include in their professional education some appropriate and well-developed extension-type analyses and planning related to their research work. This can contribute to their overall training by the inclusion of extension aspects for potential stakeholders along with plans for providing useful assistance to the stakeholders. The top three winners among the graduate student finalists will give their presentations in a seminar style during this organized symposium. This will include their extension program plans as developed for this contest. Sanders and Pruitt will co-moderate.